

Parent, Partner & Stakeholder Newsletter

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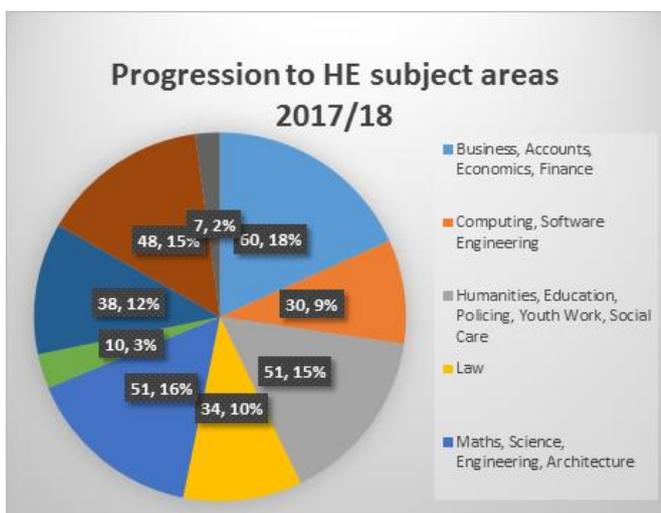
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Welcome To.....

Welcome to our first ever parent newsletter. Our aim is to keep parents and guardians up to date with what is going on at Gateway College. It is our vision to work more closely with our parents, partners and stakeholders, to ensure that we put our students at the heart of everything we do. If you would like to contribute to future issues of this newsletter, please contact Fiona Singer: fsinger@gateway.ac.uk.

Celebration of outcomes 2017/18

What an amazing year 2017/18 was. Our young people absolutely triumphed and gave the college the best set of results they have had in past several years, bringing us in line with many of the best colleges in the country, and in the case of maths and English above the very best. A change to the College structure and the commitment to place all learners at the heart of everything we do has placed us firmly in the top 25% (benchmarked nationally) in terms of student satisfaction, teaching and learning, support, quality of experience and other key metrics.

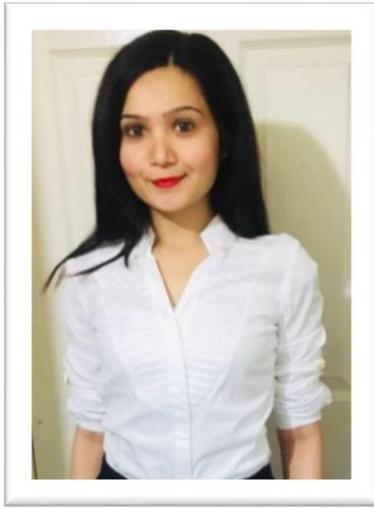


Excellent Progression

It's around this time of year that we begin to assess where our ex-students have moved on to. This is really important for us as we want to stay in touch and celebrate success with as many Alumni as possible, and also because it helps us to shape our curriculum offer and ensures that we are meeting the needs of the labour market, our existing partners and stakeholders. Our student progression for 2017/18 looks very promising, with many of learners accessing courses in a range of subjects in universities across the country.

Attendance and Punctuality 2018/19

It's so important to the College that students develop good habits to prepare them for higher education and the world of work. This year our headline attendance and punctuality data is showing positive signs that our students are responding excellently to the high expectations we are setting. As of November, our attendance is strong at 95% and punctuality is just as impressive at 96%. We ask parents to continue supporting us by ensuring that holidays are taken in holiday time only, and that you continue to access the Parent Portal on Cedar to monitor your son's or daughter's progress.



Viddhi Devani

Work Experience

Viddhi is the Employer Engagement Coordinator at Gateway College. She says....

I believe every student should have the opportunity to go on a 'meaningful' work experience to develop not only their academic skills, but also their practical skills. My aim is to ensure each and every student has a placement which strictly relates to their course and future aspirations. At Gateway, we don't just send students on a one-off work placement but ensure they are constantly being challenged to achieve more. We have students, who after their first year, go on an extended placement where they will gain intense knowledge and gain life essential skills such as being committed, time management, working under pressure and problem solving. It gives me great satisfaction when a student comes back from their placement with a positive outlook to their studies and has their thinking cap on for the future.

Some of our work experience partners....



"The work experience at Seed Creative Academy was the best 3 days of my life" Davina Mander



"It was a great experience, it increased my level of confidence, and got me ready for the future." Ketan Ramesh



Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

The Careers Service at Gateway College works to prepare students in their next steps for positive progression. The service offers tailored 1:1 advice to all students to assist them in making important decisions and opportunities to access university taster days, apprenticeships and employers.



Throughout the academic year there are events at key times to help students make the right choices. These include National Careers Week, with access to employers and apprenticeship providers, the Higher Education Fair and sessions to prepare students for apprenticeships, at which students are able to apply for apprenticeship vacancies.

Parent Council

We have had a fantastic response to our call to parents to join our parent council. We feel it's really key to hear what parents, partners and stakeholders have to contribute to the continued success of the college. We would also like to invite our business partners and other external stakeholders to get in touch and contribute to our council. If you would like to be involved, please contact Nicola Martin: nmartin@gateway.ac.uk

This term we have had guest representatives in from different universities across the country, checking personal statements for students applying to university and offering advice and guidance on how to make their applications have a real impact. We have also had students attending a 3 day workshop in the world of construction, hosted by Construction Youth Trust. Students were able to visit a live construction site and gain an in-depth understanding of the different roles that are essential onsite. They also got to meet with real professionals and take part in construction-based tasks. This was a first run for the project in Leicester and it was exciting that some of our students got to take part.

There are other activities planned throughout the year, including guest speakers, workshops and the HE Fair. If you would like any more information about the Careers Service then please get in touch: Amy Spencer, Careers Lead, aspencer@gateway.ac.uk or careers@gateway.ac.uk